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28 - 29 March, 2026

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**GOODS AND SERVICE TAX : HEALTHCARE
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(GSTHASEI) - 2026**

with special reference to Southern States

28 - 29 March, 2026

**GST IMPACT ON HEALTHCARE AND
PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY IN INDIA**



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Acharya Nagarjuna University

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Venue

Prof. V. Balamohandas Seminar Hall at

Dr. H. H. Deichmann &

Dr. S. John David Auditorium

Acharya Nagarjuna University Campus

We are very happy to inform you that our MBA (Hospital Administration), Acharya Nagarjuna University is organizing ICSSR-SRC sponsored Two Day National seminar on "Goods And Service Tax and And Healthcare Affordability: Socio-Economic Impact" during 28-29 March, 2026. In this context I request your valuable participation with a research contribution.

About the University

Acharya Nagarjuna University is quite significant in that the greatest Buddhist preceptor and philosopher Acharya Nagarjuna founded a University on the banks of river Krishna some centuries ago, and made it a great center of learning, attracting a large number of teachers and students from distant parts of the world. The present Nagarjuna University came into being in August 1976. Acharya Nagarjuna University since then has grown into a large university with 37 Academic Departments. Now it has 55 Post-Graduate Teaching cum research courses on the campus, while around 70 affiliated colleges offer PG Courses. The most distinguishing feature of the university is that it has 7 exclusive research centers to pursue advanced studies in the frontier areas. The recent achievements of this university is it secured NAAC A+ grade which is considered highest among academic institutions ANU is a research-intensive university of global standing specializing in discovery and public policy. Our research priorities address the challenges facing by India in Particular and the world in general. Our MBA (Hospital Administration) Department functioning under the faculty of Commerce and Management studies, College of Arts, Commerce & Law with collaboration of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences.

About the ICSSR

Social and human sciences research enhances our understanding of the social reality and the issues and problems that need to be solved. The actionable outcomes of research provide policy inputs and frameworks for socio-economic and all-round development and generate ideas, facts, insights and methodologies that can be used in policy framing, teaching and research.

India has had a long, cumulative and rich tradition of thought production in social and human sciences since the Rigveda (1500 BCE). The intellectual tradition since Panini has reflected on the social and cultural meaning and evolved epistemologies of enquiry for the attainment knowledge based on observation, logical and rational thinking. Educational and research institutions such as Takshashila, Nalanda, Vikramashila, Vallabhi, Pushpagiri and Somapura flourished as global centres of learning in different parts of India, and produced great knowledge in diverse fields such as Ayurveda, Medicine and Surgery, Jurisprudence, Mathematics, Astronomy, Physics, Metallurgy, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Philosophy, Grammar, Agriculture, Economics, Commerce, Politics, Statecraft, Military Education, Literature, Craft etc.

In the 21st century, when the nation aims to become a Viksit Bharat by its centenary year of Independence, 2047, ICSSR seeks to establish a symmetry between

social research and society. In line with the recommendation of the National Education Policy (2020), we seek make social research equitable, affordable, inclusive, socially sensitive and globally competitive.

We are an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India and a premier organisation with 24 Research Institutes (grant-in-aid), 17 Recognised Research Institutes and Six Regional Centres located in different parts of the country.

About the MBA (Hospital Administration)

MBA (Hospital Administration) was established with collaboration of NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada in the academic year 2005 - 06 which is being run effectively with attractive placements for the students in Corporate Hospitals and Government Hospitals. It is a 100 per cent job oriented course designed to bridge the gap between potential growth factors and actual employment. The Department maintains excellent liaison with healthcare industry and all concerned Government offices, by providing onsite training to the students. MBA (Hospital Administration) students interact regularly with Hospital Administrators through extension lectures, workshops, seminars and practical observation visits organized by the Department.

About the Seminar

The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India has been one of the most significant fiscal reforms aimed at creating a unified national market. While GST has streamlined indirect taxation, its implications for essential social sectors such as healthcare remain a subject of critical debate. Healthcare affordability is a cornerstone of inclusive development and a key determinant of social welfare. Although healthcare services are largely exempt from GST, several related components such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, hospital infrastructure inputs, and insurance services attract varying GST rates. These taxation structures influence the cost of healthcare delivery and ultimately affect patient expenditure and access to quality care. Southern states such as Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala represent advanced healthcare ecosystems with strong private sector participation, medical tourism growth, and expanding insurance penetration. Understanding GST's socio-economic impact on healthcare affordability in this region is essential for evidence-based policy interventions.

In this context, the Department of MBA Hospital Administration, Acharya Nagarjuna University proposes to organize a Two-Day National Seminar supported by ICSSR - SRC to bring together academicians, healthcare professionals, policymakers, insurance experts, researchers, and industry stakeholders to deliberate on GST reforms and their impact on healthcare access, equity, and sustainability.

The objectives of this Seminar are:

1. The seminar aims to: Examine the impact of GST on healthcare affordability and patient expenditure.
2. Analyze GST implications on pharmaceuticals, medical devices, diagnostics, and hospital inputs.
3. Understand the role of GST in shaping health insurance pricing and coverage.
4. Explore sectoral challenges faced by hospitals and healthcare providers under GST compliance.
5. Assess socio-economic consequences of healthcare taxation on vulnerable populations.
6. Provide a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue among academia, industry, and policymakers.
7. Formulate policy recommendations for improving affordability and equity in healthcare services.

The expected outcomes of this seminar are:

1. Enhanced academic and policy understanding of GST's role in healthcare affordability.
2. Compilation of research papers into seminar proceedings / edited volume.
3. Policy brief submitted to relevant government bodies and GST Council.
4. Strengthened collaboration between academia, healthcare industry, and policymakers.
5. Contribution to national discourse on equitable healthcare financing.

The Sub themes identified for this workshop are:

- GST Structure and Healthcare Delivery Costs
 - GST on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices
 - Taxation and Affordability of Diagnostics and Preventive Care
 - GST and Health Insurance Sector: Premiums and Claims Public vs Private Healthcare Financing under GST Regime
 - Impact of GST on Hospital Supply Chains and Procurement Healthcare Access and Equity Concerns in Southern States.
 - Policy Reforms for Rationalizing GST in Healthcare Sector
 - GST Compliance Challenges for Hospitals and MSME Health Providers
 - Future Directions for Fiscal Policy and Universal Health Coverage
- PARTICIPANTS:** The seminar is expected to attract around 150-200 participants, including:
- Healthcare Industry Leaders and Hospital Administrators
 - Faculty Members from Management, Commerce, Economics and Public Policy, Research Scholars and Doctoral Students
 - MBA Healthcare/Hospital Administration / MHA Students etc., Delegates from Insurance Companies and TPAs
 - Chartered Accountants and GST Practitioners
 - Healthcare Professionals and Medical Entrepreneurs
 - Representatives from Government Health Departments
 - Policy Makers and Public Finance Experts
 - NGOs working in health access and social welfare

CALL for Research Papers

Abstract of the research paper is not more than 300 words, and it should be sent to the Director, International seminar through email: gstase2026@gmail.com. Hard copy is not required. The abstract should be neatly typed in MS Word, 1, 5 line space, 12 as font size in Times New Roman. Please note that the abstract should be types in only one paragraph. No figures, no tables and no acknowledgement. Last date for submitting abstract 25.03.2026 and full papers on or before 27.03.2026

Registration Fee

The registration fee should be pay on Seminar Director, ICSSR - SRC, GST HCASEI - 2026, Union Bank A/c 1508 120 1000 1168.

Students : Rs. 500/-
Research Scholars : Rs. 600/-
Academicians : Rs. 800/-
Healthcare Representatives : Rs. 1000/-

Note: Registration fee includes seminar kit, Two days Lunch, Tea, Snacks and Certificate.

How to reach ANU

Acharya Nagarjuna University is located beside Chennai-Howrah National Highway (NH 16) at a distance of 12 km from Guntur and 19 km from Vijayawada, A.P. Both the cities are well connected by rail and road. Buses fly round the clock in between these two cities. Nearest Air Port is at Gannavaram, Vijayawada